

BIAS Notification of Updates to Bid Item Listings - September 27, 2012

Iowa Department of Transportation -- Office of Contracts

BIAS has been updated.

- Beginning on page 2 is a summary of the updates to the bid item files.
- New items are effective immediately unless otherwise noted.
- Use of new items on projects let before the effective date will not be permitted.
- FYI: 'Spec' changes to existing bid items are not included in the BIAS notification.

Specifications for most bid items consist of five parts: 1) Description, 2) Materials, 3) Construction, 4) Method of Measurement, and 5) Basis of Payment. The Spec Codes defined below, and shown in the online [English Bid Item Description Book](#) and [Metric Bid Item Description Book](#), are used to identify a source(s) where typical specs for the bid item located. The specific source will depend on the actual use and application of the bid item.

The policy of the Office of Contracts is that the designer, of the projects let through the Iowa D.O.T. letting system, insures that all bid items have complete specifications.

Special attention is directed to the codes STD6, SP2, and PLAN that may use or need multiple sources. For many bid items with those codes, additional information is required. This could include entire specifications (all five parts) for a bid item, or modifications/changes/additional requirements to one or more parts of an existing specification. For most of those bid items, the specs could be included in the Item Reference Information or General Notes of the project plan. The designer is encouraged to use the Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, etc. as resources for the proper language for any of the five spec portions for similar bid items.

Spec Code	Spec Source
STD	Standard Specifications - including General Supplemental Specifications
STD2	Standard Specifications - including applicable Supplemental Specifications
STD3	Standard Specifications - including applicable Supplemental Specifications or Standard Road Plans
STD4	Standard Specifications - including applicable Standard Bridge Plans
STD5	Standard Specifications - including applicable Standard Road Plans
STD6	Standard Specifications - including applicable Special Provisions or Project Plan
DS	Developmental Specifications
SS	Supplemental Specifications
SS2	Supplemental Specifications or Project Plan
SP	Special Provisions
SP2	Special Provisions or Project Plan
SBP	Standard Bridge Plans
SRP	Standard Road Plans
PLAN	Project Plan
PROP	Proposal Form

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ENGLISH ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:

Effect Dt	Item Code	Description	Unit	Spec
	2595-0000010	RAILROAD INSURANCE PROVISIONS	LS	SP

The following items have been identified as no longer being valid bid items, and have been omitted from the current version of BIAS:

Item Code	Description	Unit
2595-0000011	INSURANCE WHEN WORKING IN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, STANDARD, FOR	LS
2595-0000012	INSURANCE WHEN WORKING IN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, MODIFIED, FOR	LS
2595-0000013	LIABILITY INSURANCE, MODIFIED, FOR	LS

METRIC ITEMS

The following items have been added to the valid bid item description listing:

Effect Dt	Item Code	Description	Unit	Spec
	2595--000010	RAILROAD INSURANCE PROVISIONS	LS	SP

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Item Code	Description	Unit
2595--000011	INSURANCE WHEN WORKING IN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, STANDARD, FOR	LS
2595--000012	INSURANCE WHEN WORKING IN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, MODIFIED, FOR	LS
2595--000013	LIABILITY INSURANCE, MODIFIED, FOR	LS